

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE
Chapter 31: OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

§753. HINDERING APPREHENSION OR PROSECUTION

1.

[2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF); 2001, c. 383, §84 (RP) .]

1-A.

[2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §36 (AFF); 2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §16 (RP) .]

1-B. A person is guilty of hindering apprehension or prosecution if, with the intent to hinder, prevent or delay the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction or punishment of another person for the commission of a crime, the person:

A. Harbors or conceals the other person and:

- (1) The actor knew of the conduct of the other person that has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or that has in fact rendered the other person liable to such a charge. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class B crime;
- (2) The conduct of the other person has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or in fact has rendered the other person liable to such a charge or the other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class B crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime;
- (3) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class C crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class D crime; or
- (4) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class D or Class E crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; [2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW); 2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §36 (AFF).]

B. Provides or aids in providing a dangerous weapon, transportation, disguise or other means of avoiding discovery or apprehension and:

- (1) The actor knew of the conduct of the other person that has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or that has in fact rendered the other person liable to such a charge. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class B crime;
- (2) The conduct of the other person has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or in fact has rendered the other person liable to such a charge or the other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class B crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime;
- (3) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class C crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class D crime; or
- (4) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class D or Class E crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; [2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW).]

C. Conceals, alters or destroys any physical evidence that might aid in the discovery, apprehension or conviction of the other person and:

- (1) The actor knew of the conduct of the other person that has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or that has in fact rendered the other person liable to such a charge. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class B crime;

(2) The conduct of the other person has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or in fact has rendered the other person liable to such a charge or the other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class B crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime;

(3) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class C crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class D crime; or

(4) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class D or Class E crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; [2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW).]

D. Warns the other person of impending discovery or apprehension, except that this paragraph does not apply to a warning given in connection with an effort to bring another person into compliance with the law, and:

(1) The actor knew of the conduct of the other person that has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or that has in fact rendered the other person liable to such a charge. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class B crime;

(2) The conduct of the other person has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or in fact has rendered the other person liable to such a charge or the other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class B crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime;

(3) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class C crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class D crime; or

(4) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class D or Class E crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; [2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW).]

E. Obstructs by force, intimidation or deception anyone from performing an act that might aid in the discovery, apprehension, prosecution or conviction of the other person and:

(1) The actor knew of the conduct of the other person that has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or that has in fact rendered the other person liable to such a charge. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class B crime;

(2) The conduct of the other person has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or in fact has rendered the other person liable to such a charge or the other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class B crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime;

(3) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class C crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class D crime; or

(4) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class D or Class E crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime; or [2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW).]

F. Aids the other person to safeguard the proceeds of or to profit from such crime and:

(1) The actor knew of the conduct of the other person that has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or that has in fact rendered the other person liable to such a charge. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class B crime;

(2) The conduct of the other person has in fact resulted in the charge of murder or a Class A crime or in fact has rendered the other person liable to such a charge or the other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class B crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime;

(3) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class C crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class D crime; or

(4) The other person is charged or is liable to be charged with a Class D or Class E crime. Violation of this subparagraph is a Class E crime. [2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW).]

[2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §17 (NEW); 2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §36 (AFF).]

2.

[2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF); 2001, c. 383, §86 (RP) .]

2-A. Hindering apprehension or prosecution when the other person has committed a crime against another jurisdiction is graded as in subsection 1-B. For purposes of this subsection, the classification of the crime of the other jurisdiction is determined according to the formula contained in section 4-A, subsection 3 as if it were a crime of this jurisdiction outside this Code.

[2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §18 (AMD); 2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §36 (AFF) .]

3. As used in subsection 1-B, "crime" includes juvenile offenses. The sentencing class for hindering the apprehension or prosecution of a juvenile is determined in the same manner as if the juvenile were a person 18 years of age or older, provided that if the offense committed by the juvenile would not have been a crime if committed by a person 18 years of age or older, hindering apprehension or prosecution is a Class E crime.

[2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §19 (AMD); 2001, c. 667, Pt. D, §36 (AFF) .]

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